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Over the past few weeks, the relentless military actions by Israel, the occupying Power, have continued against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The belligerent action of the Israeli occupying Power has repeatedly shown the utter disregard for the worth of Palestinian life and has never missed a chance to enforce this belligerence by overlooking criminal and outright brutal acts committed by Israeli soldiers and/or settlers against defenceless Palestinian civilians.

On 5 August 2007, illegal Israeli settlers in Al-Kahlil's Old City intentionally ran over 22-year-old Numan Al-Nazer as he was passing by a street inside the Old City that has been closed to Palestinian traffic for years by Israeli occupation forces. At the same time, these settlers set the building housing Al-Kahlil Reconstruction Committee ablaze along with two other homes in the area. The violent illegal settlers, whose abuse and attacks against ordinary Palestinian families are well documented and widely condemned, also prevented firefighters from reaching the neighbourhood to put out the fires. They then moved on to Al-Aqtab mosque, which they desecrated. Israeli soldiers and policemen did not stop the settlers from carrying out their crazed rampage against the city and its residents. In fact, they stood by and watched as these settlers committed grave crimes that they would have been quick to stop had they been committed against fellow Israelis.

Such grave aggression took place against a city already destroyed and crippled for the past seven years by the draconian measures of the Israeli occupation authorities. Perhaps more alarming, these actions took place on the eve of the joint meeting between President Mahmoud Abbas and the Israeli Prime Minister in Jericho. In fact, while the final preparatory arrangements were taken for this important meeting, Israeli occupation forces carried out an incursion into Nablus City and arrested several Palestinians in Al-Ain refugee camp.

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Moreover, three days prior to this incident, Israeli settlers, also in Al-Kahlil, attacked a United Nations car transporting three staff members of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs as well as a reporter and a cameraman from the Israeli daily, *Haaretz*. These acts of aggression by Israeli settlers have been encouraged by the consistent Israeli policy of rewarding settler violence and abuse through further protection and financial assistance to continue their illegal settlement of occupied Palestinian land. This is in addition to the increased military presence to protect the armed settlers while they repeat these rampages throughout the West Bank against defenceless Palestinian civilians.

On 3 August 2007, during an incursion in southern Gaza, Israeli occupation tanks entered by force the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Al Shouka Elementary Co-educational School causing damage and turning the school into a detention centre. This action by Israeli occupying forces is not only in violation of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to which Israel is a party, but it also manifests the occupation's disdain towards United Nations property and personnel. One day earlier, the Israeli occupation forces carried out a full day incursion in Beit Lahia, in the north of the Gaza Strip, killing two Palestinians and injuring eight others, including a child. The occupation forces also bulldozed a large area of agricultural land and farms, uprooting over 120 dunums of olive and citrus trees.

Israel, the occupying Power, has also continued its illegal policy of extrajudicial executions against Palestinians. Aside from being an illegal policy and one that violates the most basic principle of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, this policy has always caused immeasurable harm to civilian areas and has spread fear, death and chaos in residential neighbourhoods across the Occupied Palestinian Territory. On 4 August, two Israeli missiles struck a car and a truck driving in Rafah in the Southern Gaza Strip. A Palestine civilian, who happened to be walking in the area at the time of the strike, was killed and 15 others were injured. One day earlier, Israeli occupation forces death squads carried out another extrajudicial execution in the old city of Nablus, killing Ra'ed Abu-ela'das.

The devastating effect of this reprehensible illegal policy cannot be overstated. In addition, the continuation of extrajudicial executions by the occupation forces casts a serious shadow of doubt over the commitment of the Israeli Government towards peace and international law. These aggressive military measures are directly undermining all international and Palestinian efforts to move towards peace in the region.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 290 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 26 July 2007 (A/ES-10/394-S/2007/459), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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I write to you today to express, once again, our grave concern about the increasingly deteriorating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as a result of Israel's grave breaches of international humanitarian law against the Palestinian people. Such actions come at a time when expressed political statements from the Israeli side have painted a deceptive picture of peace promotion and mutual respect.

The Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out incursions into Palestinian towns and neighbourhoods across the West Bank and Gaza Strip, wreaking havoc and spreading destruction and death among the civilian population. In the pre-dawn hours of yesterday, 14 August 2007, Israeli tanks and bulldozers charged into the Gaza Strip, waging a large-scale operation against the town of Abasan in Khan Younis in the south, and Beit Lahia in the north. During these incursions, Israeli occupying forces killed seven Palestinians, including a 60-year-old woman, along with her son and grandson, and injured 25 others. Moreover, almost 100 Palestinians were also illegally detained and subjected to humiliating treatment and stripped of their most basic rights. Also, today, 15 August 2007, Israeli occupying forces stormed the city of Nablus in the West Bank, laying siege to entire neighbourhoods and arresting a number of residents.

Aside from the daily illegal detention campaigns of Palestinians, Israel, the occupying Power, also continues to hold almost 11,000 Palestinians in its prisons and detention centres, including 45 elected officials. Palestinian detainees are subjected to appalling treatment, humiliation and torture, in grave violation of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. Just yesterday, Israeli prison authorities violently assaulted detainees in Nafha Prison, using special forces and dogs to attack the prison cells and to physically abuse the detainees and strip search them.

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Israel, the occupying Power, also extends its grave breaches of Palestinian rights to the Palestinian people's holy sites. On Monday, 13 August 2007, Israeli occupying forces sealed off the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Al-Khalil and prevented Muslim worshippers from praying inside. In this regard, we note that all recent reports, including those issued by Israeli human rights organizations, have concluded that Israeli occupying forces are exercising an ethnic cleansing policy against Palestinians in Al-Khalil with the aim of vacating its original inhabitants from the city by implementing a series of illegal measures. These measures have choked the economic and social life out of this historic Palestinian city and allowed extremist Israeli settlers to wreak havoc in the city and attack its Palestinian residents and their property on a daily basis.

The international community, including the Palestinian people, look forward to the upcoming international conference, and hopes that such a conference proves beneficial to the promotion of the cause of peace. However, as clearly expressed by the Palestinian leadership, concrete confidence-building and peace-promoting measures must be taken in preparation of this conference. Rather than building bridges of confidence and peace, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to take aggressive and illegal measures that deepen mistrust and increase animosity between our peoples.

Israel, the occupying Power, will only continue to deliberately commit its systematic human rights violations as long as it continues to believe it can act against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity. The international community, in accordance with the rules and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law, has clear responsibilities in terms of ensuring the proper conduct of the occupying Power, including compliance with its legal obligations and commitments, and we continue to express our strongest hopes that the necessary measures will be taken in this regard.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 291 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 6 August 2007 (A/ES-10/395-S/2007/475), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that the number of Palestinian civilians that have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces since September 2000 now totals 4,638 people. (The names of the martyrs identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 August 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (from Friday, 3 August 2007, to Tuesday, 14 August 2007)

Friday, 3 August 2007

1. Ra'ed Abu al-Adass

Saturday, 4 August 2007

2. Hisham al-Jamal

Sunday, 5 August 2007

3. Medhat Ahmad al-Halabi

Monday, 6 August 2007

4. Mohammad Oraib al-Malloukh

Wednesday, 8 August 2007

5. Ikrami Abu Amsha
6. Mohammad Subhi al-Batneeji (19)
7. Fadi Fawwaz Arqeeq

Tuesday, 14 August 2007

8. Ahmad Kamal al-Qarra
9. Mus'ab Abu Jamei'
10. Sabha al-Qarra (60)
11. Omar Mohammad al-Qarra
12. Mohammad Youssef Abu Musameh
13. Ibrahim al-Shami
14. Bassam al-Daghma

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,638.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to perpetrate systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people living under its occupation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, launching military assaults and raids against civilian areas. With the persistence of this Israeli military campaign, the casualties and destruction being endured by the Palestinian people, especially in the Gaza Strip, continue to rise.

Yesterday, 21 August 2007, as the Palestinian people and the Muslim world commemorated the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Israeli arson of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Israel, the occupying Power, launched a deadly air raid in Al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, killing three Palestinians. On the same day, in Beit Hanoun, north of the Gaza Strip, Israeli occupying forces brutally killed 12-year-old Abdel Qader Youssef Ashour and 9-year-old Fadi Mansour al-Kafarneh. In addition, six other people were injured, including a 10-year-old boy, who remains in a critical condition. Israeli occupying forces also shot dead a Palestinian in Al-Ain refugee camp, in the city of Nablus, in the West Bank. These condemnable attacks come on the heels of yet another Israeli attack that took place on Monday, 20 August 2007, against the people of the Gaza Strip, in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza. Israeli occupying forces fired missiles onto a vehicle, extrajudicially executing the six Palestinian passengers in the targeted vehicle. The six Palestinians died instantly and scores of civilians in the vicinity of the attack were injured. Today, an Israeli air strike in Al-Shuja'ieh neighbourhood in eastern Gaza left one Palestinian dead and several others wounded.

We once again reiterate the urgent need for the international community to take immediate action to address all of the above-mentioned serious violations and grave breaches of international law and international humanitarian law being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people. The

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international community must not remain silent and must take all measures to bring an end to the continuing Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and to ensure Israel's compliance with international law and with its obligations as an occupying Power.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 292 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 15 August 2007 (A/ES-10/396-S/2007/495), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter, 16 Palestinians have been killed, raising the number of Palestinian civilians that have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces since September 2000 to 4,654. (The names of the martyrs identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 17 August, to Wednesday, 22 August 2007)

Friday, 17 August 2007

1. Mahmoud Saleh Ashour Darweesh
2. Nour al-Deen Marei' (16)

Saturday, 18 August 2007

3. Mohammad al-Obaid (17)

Monday, 20 August 2007

4. Mohammad Ibr ..im al-Qrainawi
5. Ahmad Ali al-Qrainawi
6. Abdel Khaleq al-Helou
7. Ismail Abu Abada
8. Ali Sa'eed Baroud
9. Mohammad Abu Arab

Tuesday, 21 August 2007

10. Abdel Qader Youssef Ashour (12)
11. Fadi Mansour al-Kafarneh (9)
12. Nasser ali Mabrouk
13. Awad Ibrahim al-Masri
14. Mohammad Abu Salem
15. Shadi Mostafa al-Saqqa

Wednesday, 22 August 2007

16. Yehya Habeeb

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,654.